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ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH
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St. Ambrose's Church is a brick building of Romanesque architecture, seating approximately 400 persons. The building needs some refurbishing. Estimates in the Church Self-Study Form report are that this might cost \$40,000.00. The parish house is attached and consists of a large gymnasium-auditorium plus some small multi-purpose rooms. The condition is reported to be fair. The vicarage is a row-house some two doors up the street from the rear of the church. It is a small three-bedroom unit reported to be in good condition, but needing some renovation.

Insurance reported is 80% of listed replacement value.

The life of this congregation began in 1880, and until 1904 the congregation used a row-house on Second Street as church and parish house.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

The area around St. Ambrose's Church is a combination of row-houses, apartments, factories, and stores. It is reported to have been changing for the past 15 years, with a deterioration that is accompanied by an increase of crime. The population loss is estimated to be approximately 15%.

The church buildings are located in Census Tract 33-G. The Division of Research has arbitrarily assigned eight census tracts surrounding the church properties to be a combined "parish study area". In 1960 the population of this area was 59,751 persons. Population data between 1950 and 1960 are not available for most of the census tracts, but in Census Tract 33-D there was a 10-year decline of -69.8%, while in Census Tract 33-J there was slight increase of 7.6%.

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There are many children in the area except in Census Tract 33-H, where the number is moderate. The following chart gives the percentage of children under 15 years of age. It will be noted there also that the number of elderly people ranges from a very few to a significant 14.6%. The non-white population in 1960 was relatively small except in Census Tract 33-E.

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CENSUS TRACT	POPULATION 1950	POPULATION 1960	% CHANGE	% 14 & Under	% 65 & Over	% Non-White
33-G	NA	10,251	---	26.8	11.2	0.2
33-E	NA	280	---	37.1	2.9	36.4
33-F	NA	2,933	---	23.1	13.0	1.6
33-D	496	150	-69.8	30.0	2.7	---
33-H	NA	9,042	---	13.9	11.6	0.1
33-I	NA	12,045	---	27.4	11.3	0.1
33-J	13,157	14,153	7.6	27.9	9.6	0.2
43-E	NA	10,887	---	24.0	14.6	1.9

The median age ranges from a very low 16.1 years to a high of almost 41 years. In most sections of the parish study area it is in the mid 30's. Details may be seen on the chart below.

The median education level is low. It is 9.6 years for the City of Philadelphia as a whole, but it is under nine years in the parish study area. The following chart will also show the percentage of adults 25 years of age and over that attended college or graduated from high school. In almost all cases the percentages are very low. This factor will probably speak to the opportunity St. Ambrose's Church has of ministering to the educational and cultural needs of the population.

CENSUS TRACT	EDUCATION OF ADULTS			Over	Median	Median Age	
	25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER			25	Edc.	M.	F.
	%	%	%				
	H.S. Grad.	College 1-3 Yrs.	College Grad.				
33-G	12.4	2.1	1.1	6,144	8.7	32.1	35.2
33-E	33.7	13.7	6.3	95	NA	16.1	32.1
33-F	13.6	1.3	0.8	1,913	8.7	36.1	40.7
33-D	40.7	---	---	91	NA	33.1	38.3
33-H	15.5	2.4	1.1	5,510	8.9	32.3	35.9
33-I	12.0	2.0	1.1	7,177	8.7	31.4	34.5
33-J	10.8	1.8	0.8	8,337	8.7	30.8	33.3
43-E	12.4	3.0	0.9	6,923	8.7	35.4	39.4

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In the areas where information is available it will be noted that the median family income is low. The percentage of families that lived in the same residence between 1955 and 1960 is fairly high indicating a population that does not move too much.

In 1960 there were 421 non-white persons and 107 Puerto Ricans residing in the parish study area.

CENSUS TRACT	NON-WHITE POP.		% CHANGE	P.R. 1960	1960 MEDIAN RESIDENCE FAMILY INCOME SAME AS 1955 PERCENT	
	1950	1960				
33-G	NA	24	---	25=0.2%	\$5,613	66.0
33-E	NA	102	---	0	NA	42.4
33-F	NA	48	---	0	5,203	71.9
33-D	0	0	---	0	NA	72.4
33-H	NA	8	---	0	5,933	72.2
33-I	NA	8	---	15=0.2%	5,601	67.1
33-J	21	25	19.0	67=0.5%	5,543	67.2
43-E	NA	206	---	0	5,657	67.4
Totals:		421		107=0.2% of total pop.		

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At the time of the Diocesan Study there were 1,241 identifiable Episcopalians living in the eight census tracts of the parish study area. This number represents 2.1% of the 1960 population. Comparable ratios are 3.2% in the Diocese of Pennsylvania and 1.8% in the Episcopal Church nationally.

Of these 1,241 Episcopalians, 195, or 15.7%, looked to St. Ambrose's Church for spiritual guidance. This figure is 77% of the reported mapped membership of the congregation. The following chart gives the details of Episcopal distribution.

CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
33-G	10,261	222	2.2	141	63.5	55.7
33-E	280	14	5.0	0	-----	-----
33-F	2,933	10	0.3	0	-----	-----
33-D	150	40	26.7	0	-----	-----
33-H	9,042	271	3.0	11	4.1	4.3
33-I	12,045	219	1.8	16	7.3	6.3
33-J	14,153	249	1.8	27	10.8	10.7
43-E	10,887	216	2.0	0	-----	-----
Totals:	59,751	1,241	2.1	195	15.7	77.0

Located within the church neighborhood are one public grade school, one public junior high school, and one parochial elementary school. In addition, there are eight religious congregations, a relatively small number to serve a population as large as the area contains. Details of these schools and churches may be seen on Pages K-1 and K-3 of the Church Self-Study Form.

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

Since the Discussion and Recommendations section at the end of the Study comments extensively on the program of the parish, it will not be necessary to duplicate the comments here.

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It is to be noted that this mission congregation maintains a strong Anglo-Catholic tradition and that nationally recognized church leaders have participated in special services conducted by this congregation.

Following this discussion will be found a copy of the Church Self-Study Form report. All parish leaders should read this Self-Study and note the comments, the statistics, and the "notes" that are listed.

GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
Episcopal Church Center
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Date December 14, 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

I. PH-39
IDENTIFICATION

Church St. Ambrose's
City Philadelphia
County Philadelphia Diocese Pennsylvania
Parish or Mission Mission State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve? Western boundary: 5th
Street; Northern boundary: Wyoming Avenue; Eastern boundary: "C" Street;
Southern boundary: Indiana Avenue.

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses _____ Industrial uses X Apartment dwellings X
Rooming houses _____ Single-home dwellings X A college _____ Military
uses _____ Other institutions _____

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

Blocks of row houses interspersed with factories, stores, and few apartments.

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

Changing for past 15 years. Deteriorating culturally & socially; becoming
dirtier; increase of delinquency and crime; population loss (est.) 15 %.

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS

ADDRESS

William Cramp

Howard and Ontario Streets

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

John B. Stetson Junior High School

ADDRESS

Allegheny Avenue and "B" Street

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS

St. Hugh's R. C. Elementary School

ADDRESS

Tioga and Mascher Streets

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES

ADDRESS

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

The work of St. Ambrose's parish began in 1880, when the first Baptisms are recorded as performed by the Reverend J. J. Joyce Moore, Rector of Christ Church, Franklinville (6th and Venango Streets). A layman, William Simpson, was one of the moving spirits. Until 1904, when the cornerstone of the present church was laid and the building itself erected, the congregation used a row house on 2nd Street as church and parish house. The first Vicar of St. Ambrose's Church, the Reverend W. Bernard Gilpin, began his ministry here on January 1, 1905. The parish house was erected in 1930.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

Church and Parish House land extends from Howard to Hope Streets on
Ontario, and up Howard Street for the space of 8 row houses. Behind
church apse is a Churchyard, in which is buried a 3,000 gal. oil tank.

2. Type of church building: Frame Brick X Stone Other
(type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

Church is of Romanesque architecture, with clerestory, rose window, many
nave & clerestory windows, rounded apse with large clerestory level medal-
lion stained-glass windows & 4 small sanctuary level windows. Nave seats
400, chapel 12. Re-roofing of aisles needed, & some exterior pointing,
new floor, interior refurbishing, screens, storm windows, & basement re-
pairs. Estimated cost ca. \$ 40,000.
Replacement Value \$ 169,750 Amount of insurance carried \$ 135,800

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached X Separated ;
In basement of the church ; Frame Brick X
Stone Other Gymnasium with office & two rooms over it.
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Large gymnasium-auditorium, covered mostly by flat roof. Upstairs: Office,
med.-size room, small room, hall & staircase. Condition fair. Tile top
roof replacement, re-roofing of gym, & interior refurbishing needed.
Estimated cost ca. \$ 3,000.

Replacement value \$ 62,750 Amount of insurance carried \$ 50,200

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated X ;
Frame _____ Brick X Stone _____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building,
and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

Rectory is row house, 2 doors up street from churchyard. Has combination
living-dining rm., kitchen, 3 bedrooms, and bath. Condition good. Bedrooms
need re-furbishing. Front needs storm windows. Conversion gas-furnace needs
replacement. Estimated cost ca. \$ 1,000.

Is it used as a clergy residence? Yes If not, what use is made of
the building?

Replacement value: \$ 7,750 Insurance carried: \$ 6,200

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving
(a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition;
(d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value;
(f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
H. C. & Sermon	8:00 A.M.	16	42	87
H. C. & Sermon	10:00 A.M.	18	46	80
Morning Prayer	9:30 A.M.	2	4	17

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
H. C.	M, W, F, 7 A.M.	2	3	12
H. C.	T, Th, S, 9 A.M.	2	3	13

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):
Solemn Evensong & Confirmation; Litany, Address, & Benediction, Ash Wednesday;
Stations, Address, and Benediction, other Lenten Weds.; Proper Offices and
Liturgies, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

Ca. 15 men and boys participate in the Washington's Birthday Corporate Com-
munion, and in Acolytes' Festivals here and in New York City. Two men and
several women attend convocational twice a year.

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

For several years, during the 1950s, when the parish was larger, the program was expanded to three Sunday celebrations, the middle one, at 9 A.M., being a Family Mass, i. e., a low celebration with four hymns, five-minute instruction, etc. This was followed by breakfast. Like other measures, this attracted attention and attendance for some time; then interest waned, and we reverted to two services. After careful preparation, liturgical movement practices, e. g., the People's Offertory, were introduced, but were disliked and discontinued.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? Yes
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? No
3. Is baby care provided during any service? No. But Kindergarten for preschool children from 3 years of age up is provided.

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff	<u>6</u>
b. Students	<u>41</u>
Total	<u>47</u>

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 20

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 41

e. Are absentee cards used? No

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 9

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. _____

Teachers do call on absentees, either in person or via telephone,
stating that student has been missed and inquiring re reason.

2. Worship schedule

<u>CLASS OR DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>HOOR</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
Senior	Sunday	10 A.M.	75 min.	@ High Mass
Junior	Sunday	10 A.M.	75 min.	@ High Mass
Kindergarten	Sunday	10 A.M.	25 min.	2 teachers
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Bibles, Prayer Books, Hymnals, pictures, flannelboard, (in Junior
Classes) diagrams, maps, construction projects.

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

They have their own room and shrine. Worship: training in and practice of simple
prayer, singing of simple hymns, recitation of set prayers, special observance
of major feasts & seasons (e. g., Advent Wreath ceremonies); story, projects
(crayon, scissors, & paper projects).

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? By invitation of the Vicar

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the
number of sessions, the leaders, etc.

Informal sessions with the Vicar (5), discussion of material and presentation,
drawing up of procedure plans.

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE	Number	EDUCATION	Number	YEARS TEACHING	Number
19 years or less	<u>4</u>	Grade school	<u> </u>	one	<u> </u>
20 to 29	<u>1</u>	Junior high	<u> </u>	two	<u> </u>
30 to 39	<u> </u>	Senior high	<u>1</u>	three	<u>1</u>
40 to 49	<u> </u>	1 to 3 years College	<u>2</u>	four	<u>2</u>
50 years or more	<u>1</u>	College grad.	<u>2</u>	five	<u> </u>
		Graduate study	<u>1</u>	6 to 10	<u>1</u>
Male	<u>3</u>			11 to 20	<u> </u>
Female	<u>3</u>	K-12		20 and over	<u>1</u>

7. What problems does the church school have? Absenteeism on part of pre-school children who are ill, or whose parents fail to bring them; drop-out tendency on part of some teen-agers; mediocre facilities; absences on part of juniors and seniors whose parents go "weekending."

B. Vacation Church School

1. When is it held? None
2. For how long each day?
3. What type of courses are taught?
4. How many children attend, usually?
5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school?
6. How many teachers are there?

C. Released Time Program

1. When are classes held? None
2. What type of courses are taught?
3. How many of this congregation's children attend?
4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?
5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation?

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 9-11 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 15 c. How long is each session? 1 hr. plus d. Who is the instructor? Vicar e. What material is used? Prayer Book, Hymnal, Blackboard Instruction, Instruction in Procedures. f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? Supplementary

2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? 6 b. How long is each session? 2 hours c. Who is the instructor? Vicar d. What material is used? Prayer Book, Bible, Devotional Manuals

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

<u>NAME OF GROUP</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEMBERS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEETINGS</u>	<u>LENGTH OF MEETINGS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
<u>None</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

8 members have participated in Quiet Days or Retreats, mostly at houses of
Religious Orders.

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

None

- G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 80
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 2
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 17

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 31
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. None
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations.

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. None
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations.

D. For Girls in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of girls	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>None</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3. Total active membership	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

E. For Boys in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of boys	<u>8</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
2. Number of organizations	<u>1</u>	<u>for all three ages groups</u>	<u> </u>
3. Total active membership	<u>14</u>	<u>for all three age groups</u>	<u> </u>

F. For Youth in:

	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Number of organizations	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. Total active membership	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

- A. Name Altar Guild
Total active members 5 Average attendance at meetings 5
Number of meetings ^{Meets 4 times per annum} each month Day and time of meetings
- B. Why does this organization exist?
For the care of sanctuary and sacristy, altar ornaments, sacred vessels,
sacred vestments, etc.
- C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?
Women & girls.
- D. Describe the worship and the educational program.
- E. Describe the other activities of the organization.
- F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?
- G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Walter E. Freeman, Jr. Title: Vicar

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Women's Guild of St. Ambrose

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 8

Number of meetings each month 1 for 8 mos Day and time of meetings Thurs,
8 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

For aid to the parish and to assist with affairs to raise money.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? _____

Women

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? _____

Signed by: _____

Title: _____

Vicar

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Acolytes' Guild
Total active members 14 Average attendance at meetings 11
Number of meetings each month Five per annum Day and time of meetings Tues.,
7:30 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To provide sanctuary assistance, etc.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? _____

Boys and young men.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Vespers or Compline at meetings; instruction in serving at various
services.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Attendance en masse, vested, at Acolytes' Festivals in Philadelphia and
New York City.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? _____

Signed by: Walter E. Freeman Jr. Title: Vicar

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name _____

Total active members _____ Average attendance at meetings _____

Number of meetings each month _____ Day and time of meetings _____

B. Why does this organization exist?

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? _____

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? _____

Signed by: _____

Title: _____

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Choir

Total active members 5 Average attendance at meetings 5

Number of meetings each month 4 Day and time of meetings Wed.,
8 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

To assist musically at Sunday High Mass, services on major feasts,
special Lenten and Holy Week Services, and several special services
per annum

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? _____

Women and young men.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Participation in weekly worship plus extras; training in hymns, plainsong,
chorales, motets, and Hymnal settings for the Communion Office
plus eight others.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Problem: dearth of prospective singers.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? _____

Signed by:

Walter E. Freeman Jr.

Title: _____

Vicar

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

NAME	APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE	PERIOD OF TENURE	MOVED TO:
Frederick B. Halsey		10 years	Wyncote, Pa.
Robert C. Hubbs		10 years	Newark, New Jersey
John P. McGarvey		3½ years	Collingdale, Pa.
Morton Smith		8 mos.	Vermont (?), teaching
Fletcher P. Wood		2½ years	Camden, New Jersey
James B. Clark	26	2 yrs. 2 mos.	Lewisburg, Pa.
Walter E. Frieman, Jr.	38	13 years	still here

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? _____
Please give details.

Three men, all of whom received their vocations at St. Ambrose's Church
have been ordained priest, one of them from this parish. All are now
serving in other dioceses.

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? 2

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? No

If so, which congregations? _____

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges \$ 3076.89 (2) Plate offerings \$ 231.99 (3) Parish or mission organizations \$ 1050.28 (4) Endowments \$ 423.58 (5) Special fund drives \$ 334.93 (6) Other (please specify) \$ C. S. M. O., \$27,51; g. T. S. (T. E. S.), \$40.00; Episcopal Hospital, \$19.00

B. Disbursements	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
Total current expenses	?	?	5306.82	5051.53	5112.87	4705.78
Diocesan Assessment	?	?	—	117.36	88.00	232.13
Missionary Disbursements	?	?	569.46	394.56	200.00	383.00
Special parish expense	?	?	3142.78	23.48	74.84	160.81

Clergy salary or salaries: a) ? ? 2389.39 2666.16 2666.16 1280.52
from congregation b) ? ? ? Diocese

from other sources a) ? ? 1000.00 1500.00 1500.00 3200.00
b) ? ? ?

Rental value of the rectory \$ 720.00

Is the church in debt? No Amount of debt \$ _____ Method of repayment _____

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? No
If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? _____ Describe the
training of the canvassers. _____

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?
None

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-
support? This has always been a mission. At present there is no
potential for self-support.

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes
2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest X Congregation _____ Diocese _____
3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting deprecia-
tion? \$ 825.60 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? Partly
by priest, partly by congregation.

5. How much does the local congregation pay? \$ 165.00
6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business 590

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK		
	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>18</u>
2. Sick or emergency	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>
3. Calls for other purposes	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>

4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:

8 hours set aside; additional taken as demanded.

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? _____

Routine by areas; Private Communion monthly 11 mos. per annum.

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

Calls are paid on newcomers within 2½ weeks of notification.

Calls are paid on unchurched brought to Vicar's notice as soon as schedule permits.

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) 7

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. None

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

None

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. _____

None

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

Efforts are made to interest boys in serving at the altar,
girls in assisting with altar guild work, women in membership in women's guild.

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

None

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? Notices to local newspapers of special events and major festivals.
- B. What use is made of radio and/or television? None
- C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? Several mailings per annum to all on parish list.
- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. Weekly Sunday Times (Services and notices printed on pre-printed instructional bulletin), occasional parish newsletters.
- E. How many church road signs are there? None

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? No

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. _____

Vicar has participated in Crossing Guards' programs, has blessed new fire-
house, has participated in dedication of new police station, and was for
five years chairman of district Youth Services Board. Also chaired area
drive for Phila. Assn. for Retarded Children's drive.

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

None

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

Parish sponsors 25th District Police Athletic League (under direction
of P. A. L. Police Officer); Troop 106 B. S. A.; Post 106, Explorer
Scouts; and Pack 106, C. S. A.

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

Police Athletic League

Boy Scouts

Cub Scouts

Explorer Post

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

None

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Vicar is for 2nd year elected (from Convocation) member of Diocesan Council, is serving 2nd term in Dept. of Christian Ed'n, and has been directing studies (for Diocese) for diaconate and tutoring for priesthood for past five years.

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? None

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? None directly

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: Participation in annual Brotherhood of St. Andrew Corporate Communion.

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: None, except membership in Diocesan Altar Guild.

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: Occasional attendance by 2 or 3 at Y. P. F. retreats and conferences; attendance by 1 or 2 at a couple of college students' conferences.

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? Not always

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? None

XV. STAFF

- A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

The Rev. Walter E. Frieman, Jr., Th.D., Vicar, parish priest,

\$ 4,500 per annum.

Mr. Orlando Otey, supply Organist and Choirmaster, part time,

\$ 60 per month.

- B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

No volunteer personnel, except for altar guild, church school, and
acolytes' guild.

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

- A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: Youth and lay workers; office assistance.

2. Buildings: Repointing of exterior; reroofing of clerestory, gymnasium, and parish hall; reflooring of nave; refurbishing of interior.

3. Equipment: Organ improvement (bellows, chests, rectifier); chairs; kitchen equipment; office equipment.

- B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

None

- C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

Drastically dwindling potential membership; continued removal to other areas of parishioners; financial support.

- D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

Possible team ministry with nearby parish or mission; provision for increased financial support.

- E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

\$ 45,000

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

Ca. \$ 20,000

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

None

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

Investigation of possible team ministry

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH</u>
<u>E. Norman Hughes</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Howard C. Shaud, Jr.</u>	<u>U. S. Arsenal</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Guy Fenton</u>	<u>Music Teacher</u>	<u>10</u>
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Date completed: December 18, 1964

REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

There were 253 persons located on the membership map submitted by this congregation. Five of them were listed as living out of state and the remainder were to be found in 20 census tracts within the City of Philadelphia. Over half of the respondents reside in the census tract in which the church buildings are located. Since 77% of the mapped membership resides in the assigned parish area St. Ambrose's Church can be classified as a neighborhood congregation.

Details of the membership distribution will be seen on the print-out that follows this discussion.

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MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

This portion of the Study is concerned with statistics taken from the Journals of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Figures were gathered for every fifth year from 1940 through 1960 and for the next three years thereafter. Details of these vital statistics may be seen on the special chart that follows this discussion.

The reported baptized membership of this congregation decreased steadily from 1940 to 1960. This decrease was -9.7% in the 1950 decade. There was a slight increase in 1961 only to be followed by a declining pattern again.

The number of communicants likewise decreased from 1940 to 1960. Between 1950 and 1960, this decrease was -47.5%. Since 1960, the communicant strength has remained practically stationary.

The reported church school enrollment fell rapidly in the 1940's and continued to decline in the 1950's. Between 1950 and 1960 this decline was -53.1%. Since 1960, the church school enrollment has remained virtually the same.

From 1961 through 1963 there were 27 persons baptized and 20 persons presented for confirmation in this congregation. These figures represent 6.5% and 4.8% respectively of the communicant strength of the congregation. These ratios are higher than the diocesan figures of 3.9% and 4.1% and may be compared favorably with the national ratios of 5.5% and 5.8%, respectively.

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From 1961 through 1963 the total reported expenditures of St. Ambrose's Church were \$17,572.00. Of this amount, \$1,505.00, or 8.6%, was spent for missionary work outside of the local congregation. The diocesan figure is 14.9%.

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Expenditures per communicant during this three-year period amounted to \$42.34 for the congregation and \$73.71 for the diocese. Extra-parochial expenditures per communicant during this time were \$3.63 at St. Ambrose's and \$10.45 for all Episcopal congregations of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

VITAL STATISTICS

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	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	924	465	320	333	289	302	229	230
Communicants	507	332	261	192	137	134	140	141
Church School	246	112	96	70	45	46	46	47
Baptisms	13	20	19	23	7	11	5	11
Percentage of Communicants	2.6	6.0	7.3	12.0	5.1	8.2	3.6	7.8
Confirmations	18	1	37	11	11	11	1	8
Percentage of Communicants	3.6	0.3	14.2	5.7	8.0	8.2	0.7	5.7
Parochial Expenditures 1	5,409	5,173	5,988	6,737	7,745	6,086	4297	4705
Special Par. Expenditures 2	836	222	3,143	523	75	86	733	160
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	567	608	621	421	214	625	497	383
Total Reported Expenditures	6,812	6,003	9,752	7,681	8,034	6,797	5,527	5,248
Expenditures per Communicant	13.44	18.08	37.36	40.01	58.64	50.72	39.48	37.22
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	1.12	1.83	2.38	2.19	1.56	4.66	3.55	2.72

- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
- 2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
- 3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

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Since there was no Episcopal Census received from this congregation the Division of Research regrets its inability to make an analysis of the profile and characteristics of the congregation.

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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ST. AMBROSE'S CHURCH, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

For many years this congregation has provided a full cycle of Catholic worship in this portion of the City of Philadelphia. The neighborhood has been changing for the past 15 years. The Church Self-Study Form reports that the area is deteriorating and that there is an increase of delinquency and crime. It is estimated that the population loss is as high as 15%.

The parish report submitted for this Survey sees the basic problems facing the congregation as being a drastically dwindling potential membership, continued removal to other parish areas, and financial support. The baptized and communicant membership of this congregation have shown a declining pattern since 1940. A percentage of 6.5% and 4.8% of baptisms and confirmations to the communicant strength, which is higher than the diocesan average, shows that the parish leadership is making an attempt to reach outside of itself. While 93 baptized members were removed from the parish list in the last five years, it is significant that 75 baptized members were added.

The membership distribution pattern shows that St. Ambrose Church is primarily reaching south and east of itself. The three census tracts immediately to the north of the church contain no reported members. Of 253 persons located on the membership map, some 56% lives in the same census tract in which the church is located. A total of 77% of the mapped membership lives in the parish area.

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Activities and programs in the congregation are minimal, and participation by the members is low. There is no Every Member Canvass and the average pledge per communicant is only \$21.82 annually. The diocese has increasingly contributed to the salary of the vicar. Calling is done by the vicar alone and he averages some 24 calls a week for all purposes. There are no church road signs and publicity is minimal. The congregation is reported as not being community-minded, although several organizations use the parish hall, and the church sponsors a P.A.L. activity besides three Scout Troops.

The present vicar has been at St. Ambrose for 13 years. In addition to his parochial duties, he has been directing studies for the Diaconate and tutoring for the priesthood in the diocese during the past five years. His interests lie in teaching and he has a background in classical languages.

It is the opinion of the General Division of Research and Field Study that the future growth and usefulness of St. Ambrose's Church lie in the development of a different type of program and ministry. The Church Self-Study Form also appears to recognize this in that it indicates that a possible team ministry with nearby congregations might be developed.

It is recommended that a three-year trial period be established during which time the ministry of St. Ambrose's Church would be one of strong emphasis on outreach into the surrounding community. Diocesan authorities would, of

necessity, be involved in the development of such a program. Since the present vicar has pedagogical talents, he might like the opportunity to change his field of work, and a man of urban-work orientation could be placed in charge of the congregation. In that the present and past history of this mission has been one of Catholic worship, this trend should probably be continued, in addition to the development of a neighborhood program. Since there are two other Episcopal congregations not far away, the development of a type of team ministry should be considered.

The congregation of St. Ambrose's Church should have the benefit of a stewardship education program to emphasize proportionate giving looking toward tithing. The 1960 median family income in the area surrounding St. Ambrose's Church ranged from \$5,200.00 to \$5,900.00, and it is probably higher than that now. If the reported 141 communicants of the parish were to pledge a minimum of \$50.00 a year, the total of the church pledges would be increased one third. There is opportunity for this mission congregation to assume the responsibility of a larger portion of its financing without much sacrifice. If the 66 families in the parish were to tithe 10% of their income, the budget of St. Ambrose's Church would be approximately \$25,000.00 a year.

There is much evidence of the faithful and devoted work done by this congregation over the past years. Now, because of changing conditions, it may be necessary for the emphasis of the congregation to be somewhat changed. This

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should not be taken as any discredit to past labors, but should be recognized as a necessity in a changing world. Members of this congregation who are interested in Catholic worship will understand that devotion at the Altar should be translated into witness in the streets. Our Blessed Lord came not to redeem a chosen few but to save the entire world. Whatever St. Ambrose's Church can do to assist in this primary work should be done with Christian willingness and joy.